

Atty. Dkt. No. 014030.0147N1US

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. Claims 1-52 have been cancelled. New claims 53-68 have been added. Support for the new claims may be found, for example, in at least the following portions of the original disclosure which the Examiner has already reviewed:

Page 1, line 32 – page 3, line 1; page 15, lines 20-29; page 16, lines 16-22; page 17, lines 7-13; page 20, lines 16-27; page 29, lines 17-30 and Figs. 17-19.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 53-68 are now pending in this application. Of these claims, 53, 60, 67 and 68 are independent. Applicant has canceled claims 1-52 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file continuation or divisional applications drawn to the canceled claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 37-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement in that the claims(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

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Although Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's arguments, claims 37-52 have been cancelled, thus making this objection moot. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

A request for Extension of Time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(b) and the appropriate fee are submitted concurrently with this amendment and response. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in conjunction with this submission to Deposit Account Number 50-2228, referencing matter number 014030.0147N1US.

Based on the foregoing, a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

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